

**Utah Transportation Commission
Utah Transit Authority Board
Joint Meeting
January 17, 2014**

The joint meeting of the Utah Transportation Commission and the Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees convened at 12:25 p.m. in the UDOT Rampton Complex – 1st Floor Njord Conference Room. In attendance were:

Transportation Commission Members: Jeff Holt, Kent Millington, Meghan Holbrook, Wayne Barlow, Dannie McConkie, Naghi Zeenati

UTA Board Members: Greg Hughes, Robert Hunter, Larry Ellertson, Bret Millburn, David Burton, Justin Allen, Jeff Hawker, Chris Bleak, Chris Sloan, Necia Christensen, Robert McKinley, Troy Walker

UDOT Staff: Carlos Braceras, Cory Pope, Randy Park, Linda Hull, Nile Easton, Elizabeth Weight, Kris Peterson, Nathan Lee, Teri Newell, Mike Larsen, LeAnn Abegglen

UTA Staff: Mike Allegra, Jerry Benson, Clair Fiet, Dave Goeres, Dave Kallas, Steve Meyer, Matt Sibul, Bob Biles, Andrea Packer, Cathie Griffiths, Rebecca Cruz

Others: Ivan Marrero, Arlene Kocher, Wayne Bennion, David Dobbins

Introductions

UDOT Executive Director Carlos Braceras welcomed those attending. He had Dave Goeres from UTA share a quick safety message from UTA's perspective. Those attending were then asked to introduce themselves, and include what areas they represent and who they were appointed by.

Utah Transportation Commission Presentation

Role of the Commission

UDOT Strategic Document and Vision

Transportation Commission Chairman Jeff Holt began his presentation describing the role and responsibilities of the Utah Transportation Commission. He also reviewed current membership of the Commission, the areas/regions each Commissioner represents, and the length of their terms. Mr. Braceras' presentation started with an overview of UDOT and a snapshot of their senior leaders, their roles, duties, and divisions they oversee. He then shared information on UDOT's Final Four Strategic Goals, which are preserve infrastructure, optimize mobility, zero fatalities, and strengthen the economy. He followed that by talking about the emphasis areas that UDOT is focusing on, such as integrated transportation, collaboration, education, transparency, quality and operational excellence. Also reviewed UDOT's core values, including innovation, dedication, integrity, public responsiveness, passion, and fiscal responsibility. The final part of the presentation covered UDOT and UTA's shared successes, such as Utah's Unified Transportation Plan, the Intermodal EIS, Front Runner and I-15/Legacy Parkway project, BRT partnership, project collaboration, UDOT support for UTA operations, and air quality. Mr. Braceras responded to a question regarding the raising of the speed limit in certain areas around the state, and Commission Chairman Holt commented on the TRB meetings held this week in Washington D.C.

Utah Transit Authority Presentation
Governance and Accountability
UTA Strategic Plan

UTA Board Chairman Greg Hughes began his presentation with comments regarding the ability of UDOT and UTA to work together. He then talked about UTA's Board Governance, membership on the Board of Trustees and their appointing authorities, and transparency and accountability, including the areas of governance, transparency, audits, and outreach. Mike Allegra, General Manager for UTA, stated that because this meeting was meant to be a dialogue between the two boards, he would like to pass on his part of the presentation and schedule another meeting to make his presentation and talk about the history of how things got to this point and the foundation that was set for the success that is being enjoyed right now.

Open Discussion

Commission Chairman Holt started the open discussion talking about integrated transportation. Chris Bleak, UTA Board Member, commented on things that need to be thought about longer term, such as financing issues and how to move forward in the future. Mr. Allegra answered a question regarding where UTA's money comes from. Board Chairman Hughes expounded on why fare box recovery is so critical. Dannie McConkie, Transportation Commissioner, talked about the history of getting traffic moving through Davis County, and shared this thoughts about being loyal to a board. Meghan Holbrook, Transportation Commissioner, stated that they need to show more support towards each other, as the perception is they are competing agencies.

Board Chairman Hughes talked about the Unified Transportation Plan (Regional Plan) and not being too myopic in their approach. Commission Chairman Holt wondered about UTA being primarily a construction agency and asked whether or not in their 3-5 year plan they were transitioning more towards maintenance or if they would continue to build. Board Chairman Hughes responded that the transition is about service and increasing satisfaction of people's use of what has been built. Larry Ellertson, UTA Board Member, discussed the joint efforts that have been made by UTA, UDOT, the Commission and local governments, and complimented all the entities here for their ability to work together and look at the broader picture of the issues involved. Necia Christensen, UTA Board Member, commented specifically on the ability of the staffs of the two agencies to work together, and although the Board and Commission are at more of a distance, they are aware of the work of the staff, and it makes a difference.

Commission Chairman Holt suggested that they hold another meeting like this, and to get a little more specific, as well. Mr. Braceras suggested doing it in six months; Commissioner Holbrook suggested meeting at UTA's offices next time. Everyone agreed to the suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm

LeAnn Abegglen, Commission Secretary